

Colden Planning Board Special Meeting

July 26, 2022

Planning Board Members Present: Walt Kammer (Chairman), Jackie May, Peter Newsom, Cheryl Schenne, and Bobby Walker

Excused: Andy Gow and George Reinhardt

Also Present: Garry Pietraszek (Concilman), Rachel Chrostowski (WNYLC), Lynn K, Melissa Keller (CPL), Garry Pietraszek (Concilman) and Wendy Salvati (WWS Planning, AFPP Consultant)

Walt called the July 26, 2022 Planning Board Meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The meeting was hosted via GoToMeeting.

Previous minutes will be reviewed at the regular Planning Board meeting scheduled for 8-16-22.

Town Of Colden Comprehensive Plan Update

Walt turned the meeting over to Justin Steinbach and shared the screen with Justin. Justin started the meeting by reviewing the results of the surveys that were conducted. Jackie questioned the age groups of 46-64 and 65+. Jackie then suggested to change the targeted age group as the responses were divided by half for both age groups.

The housing size was questioned by Jackie as she wanted to know about the Residents that wanted to stay local but downsize to a smaller house. Walt mentioned the study between Colden, Holland, Boston, Sardinia, and Concord had more responses regarding senior housing and income inquiries. The discussion led to senior care and lower income housing. A further discussion of senior housing was given by Walt. Walt mentioned that Peter gathered the Census data and can give more details at future Planning Board meetings. Justin agreed that zoning and support need to be in designated areas. Walt mentioned the zoning requirements as of right now in Colden do not prohibit or restrict senior housing. Walt mentioned that the first page of the spreadsheet of information had duplicate information and needs to be weeded out. Melissa made a note to equally split the age groups as suggested by Jackie.

It was mentioned that non-citizens of Colden gave input when the surveys were conducted. Walt asked about the 47 legit responses that were included and Melissa confirmed that the math was correct. Melissa needs to clarify all different platforms and they did their best reporting the data. Walt asked for a breakdown to support the count and will need to be

provided at the next Planning Board Special Meeting. Wendy would like to see more responses from the Agricultural Survey. Walt questioned the restrictive regulations and change it to read as: restrictions by Town verses forced upon by higher authority.

Walt questioned the pie-chart that has three colors but lists four colors in the given key. It was mentioned that a 0% strongly agreed. The restrictive zoning was reviewed by the Planning Board Members as some stated on the survey that it was a concern. It was discussed that the Cornell Extension might be able to come up with an educational program to help designate the right to farm for the Town of Colden. Walt also mentioned not everyone hobby farm or stand selling grown products was listed on the map. Walt used Bobby as an example. It was stated that it was a personal choice to add a hobby farm or stand selling products to the map. It was also suggested to use symbols for the products that are sold on each parcel. Justin stated that he will honor the request from the individual if they do not want to be acknowledged on the map. Justin will update the map so Wendy can incorporate the data in her report. Justin reviewed the items marked in red will be removed.

Walt reviewed the comments that were sent by Peter and was shared with Planning Board Members and Justin. It was suggested that it needs to be reviewed at the next meeting. The population from the 2020 Census data still needs to be released and Justin is waiting for the data. Lynn K. provided her background and will be willing to help with the mapping of certain areas of Colden.

A future meeting held at the Colden Fire Hall was discussed and Jackie reminded everyone that they need advanced notice. Jackie also advised to skip meetings near the holiday session as everyone is busy trying to prepare for holidays and it may cause the attendance to be low. Cheryl asked about funding and Walt advised that it's part of the package deal.

Walt reminded everyone that materials must be submitted 10 working days in advanced before the meeting. This is for regular and special Planning Board meetings. Walt doesn't want to receive emails stating that materials were delayed and can delay future meetings. There's a time schedule in place that needs to be followed.

Future meetings were reviewed by Walt.

New Business

No new topics to discuss.

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM, and Cheryl seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett